



Communication as the Realignment begins

Welcome to the 2008-2009 membership year. Sybaquay Council is all a buzz as volunteers and staff get excited about our realignment with three other Illinois councils: Girl Scouts - Fox Valley, Girl Scouts - Rock River Valley, and Green Hills Girl Scout Council. The entire realignment process will take at least one year, with the "new" council up and running October 1, 2009. The idea behind this nation-wide transformation is to turn 319 smaller councils across the country into 109 high-capacity, high-performance, community-based councils. The combined resources of the realigning councils will better benefit overall service and program delivery to our membership, both for our girls and adult volunteers.

Staff members from all four councils have already met as a group and will now begin departmentalized discussions regarding operations for the new council. Committees and subcommittees are being formed in compliance with Girl Scouts of the USA's suggested realignment procedure. Each of the realigning councils is part of the Council Realignment Committee (CRC), with all four CEOs and Board chair and other members. Although no decisions will be made for a few months, as we move forward volunteers will be notified. Information will be communicated through council publications and our Web site, so be sure to check these sources frequently. In addition, Sybaquay Council will mail out a newsletter to its membership with updates on progress of the realignment.

The start of our realignment coincides with changes from our national organization helping us to deliver a program that focuses on leadership development for girls in the 21st century. These changes include the addition of the Journey program materials for girls, with the adult guides, uniform updates, and program level changes. These modifications were made based on input from girls and adult volunteers from across the country. These changes were highlighted in last month's *Leader Links* publication. You can view a copy on the Web site by clicking on the News tab and then Publications/Leader Links on the dropdown.

The objectives and goals set for the realignment process during this membership year will be carried out in a manner that assures there will be no gap in service to the girls. The framework being put in place on a national level will retain the ability to serve local communities.

Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Hours:

Monday	Noon-5 P.M. (Shop open Noon-7 P.M.)
Tuesday	9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Wednesday	9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Thursday	9 A.M.-5 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M.-5 P.M.

The Girl Scout Shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 A.M.-1 P.M.

Should the first Saturday fall on a holiday weekend, the shop will be closed and will then be open the following Saturday.

Contacting the Girl Scout Center and Council Shop:

Phone: 847-741-5521
Fax: 847-741-5667
E-mail: info@gs-sybaquay.org
shop@gs-sybaquay.org
Web site: www.gs-sybaquay.org

Girl Scout Express Hours:

Monday	9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Tuesday	9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Thursday	9:30 A.M.-7 P.M.
Friday	9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Saturday	9:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.
Sunday	12 Noon.-4 P.M.

Contacting the Girl Scout Express:

Phone: 847-620-5043
Fax: 847-620-5044

Did you know—When you shop at the Council Shop or the Girl Scout Express, revenues are used to further the Girl Scout program for girls in Sybaquay Council!

Leader Highlights

Volunteers participate in activities for the Leader Jamboree at MABC



PROGRAM NEWS

Corrections to information in Program Booklet—

- Brownie Try-It Day (Jan. 3)
Session 2: Time is 12:30 to 2 P.M. rather than Noon to 1:30 P.M.
- Live on Stage (Jan. 31)
Fee is \$32.50 rather than \$30
- Science in Action (Feb. 28)
Time is 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. rather than 10 A.M. to Noon

To Be Announced and other Updates—

- Animal Wonders (Nov. 18) Fee is \$10
- State Bank of the Lakes is now called McHenry Bank & Trust—used for Brownie Try-It Day on Nov. 22, Making Music on Jan. 3, and Be A Science Sleuth on March 14

Additional programs: Harper Sports Overnight—

It's back! That ever popular Sports Overnight at Harper College will be held Friday, March 13 to Saturday, March 14, 2009. College athletes will be on hand to lead you through the evening's activities, which include a variety of land sports, swim time and a late-night pizza party and movie.

- Who: Third-grade Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors
- Location: Harper College, Palatine, IL
- Time: 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Friday check-in
9 A.M. Saturday check-out
- Fee: \$30 per girl/\$15 per adult
- Includes: Pizza slice and soft drink late Saturday night and juice, coffee (for adults), and donut holes on Sunday morning
- Chaperones: Each troop/group must meet appropriate girl/adult ratio and girls registering individually must be accompanied by an adult.
- Min./Max.: 250/350 participants (girls and adults)
- Registration: Begins January 5, 2009/Ends February 26, 2009

How to use a Dunk Bag—

This summer it came to our attention that some girls are confused about how to wash dishes using a dunk bag. The following is a clarification.

Before placing dishes in the dunk bag:

1. Scrape food from dishes into the garbage.
2. Wash dishes in warm soapy water
3. Rinse dishes in warm clear water.

After rinsing the dishes, place them in the dunk bag:

1. Dunk the dunk bag in sterilizing bucket so the dishes are completely submerged for one full minute.
2. Hang the dunk bag of dishes to dry.

FALL PRODUCT SALE

Are your Girl Scouts taking advantage of the new on-line ordering system for magazines? On October 18, there will be a link from our Web site to QSP where girls will be able to e-mail friends and family asking for a subscription. Once they receive an order, they can print out a report to submit to their Girl Scout leader. These subscriptions will count toward their incentives and they will also receive a special patch.

IMPORTANT!!

Sybaquay Council frequently communicates with its members via e-mail. It is important that the Girl Scout Center has your correct e-mail address. Also, please be sure to add our name to your e-mail "friends" or "safe" list in order to continue getting important e-mail messages from us. Remember when submitting e-mail to us, please include the words Girl Scout or Sybaquay in the subject line. This will prevent the message from getting lost in the volumes of junk e-mail we receive. Thank you.



MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of October 6, 2008, we have 3,375 girls and 909 adults entered into our membership system for the new 2008–2009 membership year. We ended our 2007–2008 membership year with 9,773 girls and 2,524 adults. Please understand that until your registration form is received by your service unit registrar, and turned in to the Girl Scout Center, you are not covered by Girl Scout insurance (girls and adults) or given access to certain Web site applications. Please send your forms A.S.A.P.

FYI

Use those tax exempt letters!—Earlier this month you should have received a copy of the Illinois tax exempt letter. It's important to remember to use our exemption because we save money when we don't have to pay Illinois taxes! Simply show the letter at time of purchase. If purchasing personal items also, please make two transactions to keep the Girl Scout items separate. We could lose our tax exempt status if it is discovered that items purchased are not for council use, girl use, etc. Also, please note that our tax exempt status only applies to the state of Illinois.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some Holiday Observances—Make plans for your troop/group's fall activities to be themed after some of these November observances: Election Day (Nov. 4); Veterans' Day (Nov. 11); World Kindness Day (Nov. 13); America Recycles Day (Nov. 15); Great American Smokeout (Nov. 20); National Family Volunteer Day (Nov. 22) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 27).

A change to emergency procedures—

Please be advised that the emergency number is no longer a pager number. After hours, just call 847-741-5521, Ext. 7122 and your call will be forwarded to the staff member on call.

CALENDAR

Leader Jamboree	Oct. 4
Fall Product Sale Begins	Oct. 18
Founder Juliette Low's Birthday	Oct. 31
National Council Session Convention	
Indianapolis, IN	Oct. 30–Nov. 2
Fall Product Sale Ends	Nov. 1
Girl Scout Center, Council Shop, GS Express	
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	Nov. 27 & 28
Feb.– May prog. event reg. begins	Jan. 5, '09
Girl Scout Cookie Sale	Jan. 6–27, '09
Sybaquay Council's annual meeting	Jan. 31, '09

DELEGATE MEETINGS

November 11, 7–9 P.M.
First Congregational Church, 11628 Main St., Huntley

November 15, 9–11 A.M.
Girl Scout Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin

SHOP TALK

*It's time
for our annual
FALL SALE!!
10% OFF
EVERYTHING
the entire month
of October.*

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